

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
GREAT FALLS DIVISION**

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**ROSS A. NORMAN, Trustee  
GEORGE STEVENS LAND TRUST,**

**CV 19-13-GF-BMM**

**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**ORDER**

**STATE OF MONTANA, DNRC  
LAND BOARD, DAVID L.  
BERNHARDT, IN HIS OFFICIAL  
CAPACITY AS SECRETARY OF  
THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA; JON RABY, IN HIS  
OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS  
MONTANA/DAKOTAS STATE  
DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LAND  
MANAGEMENT; UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, AN  
AGENCY OF THE UNITED  
STATES GOVERNMENT; LAZY K-  
6 RANCH, INC., a Montana  
corporation, and all other persons  
unknown , claiming or who might  
claim any right, title, estate, or  
interest in or encumbrance upon the  
real property described in the  
Amended Complaint, or any thereof,  
adverse to Plaintiff's ownership or  
any cloud upon Plaintiff's title  
thereto, whether such claim or  
possible claim be present or  
contingent, including any claim or  
possible claim of dower, inchoate or  
accrued,**

**Defendants.**

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The Plaintiff and the Federal and State Defendants have filed a Joint Motion to Stay Proceedings. The basis for the joint motion is the need for Plaintiff to complete a survey of approximately two miles of current stream bank location and changes from prior surveys in order to allow Defendants to ascertain whether any Federal or State interest is at issue, or whether a disclaimer of interest may be filed. All parties agree that the survey will take time due to weather and the size of area being surveyed.

IT IS ORDERED that the deadline for the Federal and State Defendants to file an answer or other responsive pleading is extended until September 6, 2019 and that the case is otherwise administratively stayed until that date.

DATED this 1st day of April, 2019.



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Brian Morris  
United States District Court Judge